

JESUS SAID, "IT IS FINISHED!"

John 19:16b-37
Key Verse 19:30

1. Though he found no basis for a charge against Jesus (18:38; 19:4,6b,12), what was Pilate's final decision? (19:16a) How did Jesus arrive at Golgotha, and what did they do to him there? (17-18) What was the process of crucifixion? How was it especially shameful and painful? Why was Jesus crucified like this? (Isa 53:3-6)
2. What sign did Pilate fasten to Jesus' cross? (19) What did it mean and why was it translated into three languages? (20-22) What did the soldiers do with Jesus' clothing, and how did this fulfill Scripture? (23-24)
3. Notice the women near Jesus' cross. (25) When Jesus saw his mother and beloved disciple, what did he say to them? (26-27) How did his care for his mother at this moment reveal his true humanity?
4. Why did Jesus say, "I am thirsty"? (28-29; Ps 69:21) What does "It is finished" mean? Think about it in terms of: 1) the fulfillment of Scripture (Gal 4:4); 2) accomplishing our salvation through his perfect sacrifice (Jn 1:29; Heb 9:12; 10:10). How does God want us to respond? (Jn 3:16) How does accepting his death change us? (Heb 9:14; Lk 1:74-75)
5. What facts prove that Jesus really died, and how did they fulfill Scriptures? (32-37) What was John's testimony? (35)